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For: TRANSACTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND PROGRAM FOR CONFIGURING  
ONLINE SHOPPING SYSTEM

**PETITION OR REQUEST TO WITHDRAW**  
**HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition or request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to withdraw the holding of abandonment.

A Notice of Abandonment dated June 28, 2004 was received by the Applicants' representative on June 30, 2004. The application was held to be abandoned for failure to respond to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2003. Applicants submit that a response to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2003, was timely filed at the USPTO on February 4, 2004. At that time, a Petition for Extension of Time of one month was also filed, and the requisite fee of \$110.00 was submitted to the USPTO. In proof thereof, Applicants attach copies of the Response to Election Requirement and Petition for a One-month Extension of Time, timely filed on February 4, 2004, as well as a copy of the stamped post card indicating that the Response was received by the USPTO on February 4, 2004.

Therefore, the decision to abandon this application should be withdrawn and the application should be allowed to continue to be prosecuted.

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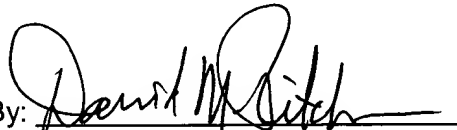
Since the Notice of Abandonment was issued in error by the USPTO, no fees are submitted at this time. However, if there are any additional fees associated with this Petition or Request to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935 and indicate the reason therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

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